

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled).

14. (New) Watercraft,

having a hull for receiving useful devices,
in which on an underside of hull in a bow area and both to
port and starboard is in each case provided a guiding
element, which in each case has a vertical, forwardly
tapering wedge shape,

in which between the two guiding elements is provided a
partial area of hull constructed in the form of a horizontal
wedge and

with propulsion units located on the hull for generating a
driving force,

wherein

in the bow area in each case at least one propulsion unit is
set back from the guiding element,
the propulsion units are pivotably mounted and
the guiding elements have recesses in which are located the
propulsion units.

15. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

the propulsion units are pivotable about a vertical axis.

16. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

the propulsion units are constructed as drive propellers.

17. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

the partial area essentially has the bow shape of a sea sledge.

18. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

at least one of the guiding elements tapers rearwards in the form of a vertical, stern-side wedge.

19. (New) Watercraft according to claim 18,

wherein

the stern-side wedge shape of at least one guiding element is more obtuse than the bow-side wedge shape.

20. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

additional propulsion units are provided in the stern area
of the hull.

21. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

in the stern area of the hull are provided guiding elements
with a vertical wedge shape, which taper rearwards.

22. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

covering devices are provided for the at least partial
covering of recesses.

23. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

the hull is constructed for ice breaking purposes.

24. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

a setting angle of the propulsion units is adaptable to a
speed of travel.

25. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

on the guiding elements are provided water supply slots for the propulsion units, the water supply slots being provided lengthwise to the direction of travel.

26. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

port and starboard, in the stern area of the hull are provided guiding elements with a vertical wedge shape, which taper rearwards.

27. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

wherein

the bow-side guiding elements of the hull are constructed for ice breaking purposes.

28. (New) Watercraft according to claim 14,

including

a device for smearing with air bubbles.

29. River boat,
having a hull for receiving useful devices,
in which on an underside of hull in the bow area and both to
port and starboard is in each case provided a guiding
element, which in each case has a vertical, forwardly
tapering wedge shape,
in which between the two guiding elements is provided a
partial area of hull constructed in the form of a horizontal
wedge and
with propulsion units located on hull for generating a
driving force,
wherein
in the bow area in each case at least one propulsion unit is
set back from the guiding element,
the propulsion units are pivotably mounted and
the guiding elements have recesses in which are located the
propulsion units.